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Dear Sir

I learn that you have  
been in communication with  
Professor Macdonald of Hartford.  
I hope he has told you that  
the article upon Muhammadianism  
for the Dictionary of Religion  
will give you an opportunity of  
placing your whole life's work  
in a thorough and satisfactory  
way before the world. The  
articles in this Dictionary  
will all be exhaustive and  
Scientific, and I shall give

you space for a very full  
article on Muhammadanism.  
Perhaps the title should be  
Muhammad and Muhammadanism.

Professor Macdonald suggests  
the following outline.

(1) Life of Muhammad and  
beginnings of Islam.

A full treatment, covering  
antecedent conditions and  
sources, down to the death  
of M. The Qur'an is treated  
formally elsewhere as a book:  
some treatment of it here in  
relation to M. cannot be  
avoided. Duplication at this  
point is no disadvantage.

(2) Later development of Islam  
in theology, law and State:  
Tradition, reason, mysticism:  
Hadith, Sunna, analogy,

agreement, schools of theology  
and law: Khalifaté and Imam-  
até: Sunnites, Shi'ites and  
Kharijites: Murjites, Qadarites  
and Mu'tazilites: Umayyads,  
'Abbasids and 'Alids: Hanbalites,  
Ash'arites and Mataridites, etc.:  
that is, a history of the develop-  
ment generally, omitting the  
last analysis into sects.

(3) Outline of the resultant  
theology of Islam, and  
statement of the creeds of the  
present day in their broad  
differences.

(4) Sketch of Muslim literature  
on (1), (2) and (3).

I quote that sketch to show  
you that you will have an  
opportunity of doing the work  
thoroughly, not to fix the

method of treatment; I shall leave you free to choose your own method.

Besides the article on Muhammadanism, I should be much obliged if you would also undertake —

1. Dā'ūd az-Zāhiri
2. Education in Islam
3. Eschatology
4. Ibn Hazm
5. Miracles
6. Early Sects
7. Philosophy
8. Poetry
9. Saints
10. Ibn Taymīya

I am advised by Prof Macdonald to offer you the above. Prof. Nöldeke bids me ask if you will also undertake Knowledge (Muslim attitude), and Superstitions in Islam

Yours faithfully  
James Hastings H.R.